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To: Delta Stewardship Council Members

From: Joe Grindstaff
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Subject: December 15, 2011, Meeting

The agenda for our twenty-second meeting and supporting material is enclosed. Some additional handouts may be provided at the meeting. December's meeting is scheduled for one day – Thursday, December 15, 2011. It will be held at the California State Capitol, Room 447, 10th and L Streets, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Thursday's agenda will touch on many substantive topics such as the Chair's Report, the Lead Scientist's Report, and an update on the EIR Field Hearing schedule. Thursday's agenda concludes with a very important item – a Public Hearing to take oral comment on the Delta Plan Draft EIR. The hearing will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and a court reporter will transcribe the comments for inclusion in the EIR formal public record (additional public hearings will take place at various locations throughout the State in January).

Letter of Support for Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) on the Proposed Pyrethroid Regulation (Agenda Item 4a)

During the DSC's November meeting, the DPR offered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the agency's concerns over the use of Pyrethroids – in particular where the insecticide's chemicals would come into contact with Delta based fish species. Following the presentation, the Council members concluded it would be appropriate to submit a comment letter in support of the new proposed regulations limiting the use of Pyrethroids. Comments were due on December 12 and the letter is included with the meeting materials.

Delta Independent Science Report (Agenda Item 7)

As required by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009, the Delta Independent Science Board will "provide oversight of the scientific research, monitoring, and assessment programs that support adaptive management of the Delta through periodic reviews of each of those programs." At its December 1-2 meeting, the Delta ISB continued its inquiry by

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."

– CA Water Code §85054

discussing with decision-makers (1) the usefulness of Delta science in decision- and policy-making processes, and (2) the ways the organization and operation of Delta science could be improved to more effectively address their concerns. Dr. Jeffrey Mount will brief the Council on this recent public meeting.

Report from Chair of Peer Review Panel on Delta Protection Commission (DPC)

Economic Sustainability Plan (Agenda Item 8)

The Delta Reform Act of 2009 tasked the DPC with developing an Economic Sustainability Plan that includes information and recommendations to inform the Delta Stewardship Council's policies regarding the socioeconomic sustainability of the Delta region. The goal of this independent peer review was to assess the scientific and technical quality of the Economic Sustainability Plan and to make recommendations for how the plan might be improved with respect to achieving the coequal goals of a sustainable water supply for California and a restored Delta ecosystem. The review can be viewed by visiting this web address:

http://www.deltacouncil.ca.gov/sites/default/files/documents/files/Review%20of%20Sustainability%20Plan%20Final_0.pdf

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